

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 937

By VanHuss

A RESOLUTION to recognize Police Chief Mark Sirois of the Johnson City Police Department on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their careers in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Mark Sirois of the Johnson City Police Department is one such estimable individual, who has devoted his life to the preservation of law and order and the protection of his fellow citizens and who took his much-deserved retirement on February 16, 2018; and

WHEREAS, a 1978 graduate of East Tennessee State University, Chief Sirois enjoyed a career in graphic design prior to embarking on his illustrious career in law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Chief Sirois began his career with the Johnson City Police Department as a public safety officer in December 1991; while serving as an investigator in the Department's Criminal Investigation Division, he was promoted to sergeant and served at this rank in the Operations and Administrative divisions; he then worked several years in the Planning and Research Unit; and

WHEREAS, a respected, capable, and trusted leader, he continued to rise through the ranks, being promoted to lieutenant in 1999, captain in 2003, major in 2010, and, finally, chief of police in 2012, in which capacity he served for six years; and

WHEREAS, ever committed to professional development and leadership training, Chief Mark Sirois is a graduate of the 209th session of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy and a 2005 graduate of the Southeast Command Leadership Academy; and

WHEREAS, while working in the Planning and Research Unit, he was responsible for the acquisition, management, and reporting of all grants for the Department; he worked closely with community and business partners in the coordination and implementation of many programs and special projects; and

WHEREAS, one of Chief Sirois's most notable projects was the Targeted Community Crime Reduction Project in the Mountain Home and downtown areas, a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach that proved to be an effective method to reduce crime and enhance public safety; the program led to the formation of the Johnson City Community Roundtable, which was designed to further foster the police department's relationship with the community; and

WHEREAS, Chief Sirois's greatest legacy is perhaps his work with the Office of Criminal Justice Programs, which led to the Johnson City Police Department receiving a Targeted Community Crime Reduction Project grant; this grant funded the formation of two programs that remain integral to the community—the Family Justice Center, which provides comprehensive services to victims of domestic violence, and the Day Reporting Center, an alternative to incarceration that assists offenders who have substance abuse and mental health issues; and

WHEREAS, Police Chief Mark Sirois exemplifies the values of hard work, compassion, and devotion to community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and diligent officer of the law; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Police Chief Sirois has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the sincere respect and admiration of his colleagues, his fellow officers, and a grateful public; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Police Chief Mark Sirois upon the occasion of his retirement, extending our gratitude for his twenty-seven years of dedicated service to the Johnson City Police Department and our best wishes for success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.